GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Stampede Cases
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several incidents of stampede have been reported from various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the total number of persons killed/injured separately during each of the last three years and the current year, gender, area and State-wise including in Varanasi; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to check such incidents in future and provide training to police personnel on crowd management along with the advisories issued to the States and police departments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b) Based on the available information, the details of the incidents of stampede including persons killed and injured, in different parts of the country including in Varanasi are provided at Annexure.
(c) As per the VII Schedule to the Constitution of India, 'public order' and 'police' are state subjects. The State Governments concerned are primarily responsible for maintenance of law and order in the places of high public
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gatherings and providing training to police personnel. However, the Central Government issues advisories to State Governments/UT Administrations from time to time with regard to crowd management and to ensure security and safety of the people visiting such places. A detailed advisory was issued to all States/UTs on 01-10-2008 emphasizing the need to manage large gatherings and suggesting measures such as allowing manageable number of persons to visit the temples, shrines, etc. at a particular time; proper access control procedure/system at every entry/exist point; establishing sound alert system; regular training of staff in evaluation procedures' etc. Crowd control and management is part of basic police training for all ranks in the police force. The State Governments/UT Administrations are required to constantly upgrade training syllabus and methodology relating to crowd control and management.

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